

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held via Teleconference on **Tuesday, 21 September 2021 at 4.00pm.**

Following the meeting, a workshop to discuss Community Strategic Planning will be held.

Agenda

1. Submission of Questions for Next Meeting
2. National Anthem
3. Prayer
4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners:

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. I pay my respects to our Elders past and present and thank them for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, in the cultural identity of our nation."

5. Commencement of recording
6. Apologies
7. Declarations of Interest

At this juncture, Councillors should indicate any items in which they have an interest and therefore will not be participating in discussion or voting.

8. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary meeting held on 24 August 2021

9. Listing of matters to be considered in Closed Council

The following matters are listed to be considered in Closed Council in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - I. prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - II. confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - III. reveal a trade secret
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of the law
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

- Procedural Motion to close Council to Press and Public
- Reports from Servants to Closed Council Meeting
 - Tenders – Water Bores Project (d)
 - Request for Rent Reduction (c)
- Procedural Motion to re-open meeting to Press and Public

10. Reports



David Neeves
General Manager

Procedural Motion – to exclude Press and Public

“That by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate – the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW

SUMMARY

To present a report on Council's organisational structure as required by the Section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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Section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

“The organisation structure may be re-determined under this Part from time to time. The council must review, and may re-determine, the organisation structure within 12 months after any ordinary election of the council.”

It has been two years since Council last reviewed the organisational structure. The organisation structure is a fundamental element of how Council does business, in particular how the Council achieves the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan and the associated delivery program and operational plans.

There have been many changes to the environment in which Council operates within since the organisational structure was last reviewed and implemented. We have seen the impacts the Covid Pandemic has had on all our business operations. The significant and continued grant funding received by Councils continues to test our abilities to meet all our budgeted commitments particularly with capital works. Attraction and retention of staff is proving to be challenging and is foreshadowed to become even more challenging as major infrastructure projects like Inland Rail, commence throughout our region. We need to develop resilience in to our structure to ensure our business continues to function well in the face of these risks.

The review of the organisational structure generally follows the Local Government Elections. However, given the postponement of the 2021 Local Government Elections and the congested Integrated Planning and Report process in the early part of 2022, this has interrupted this process. I believe that it is important that Council commences its review regardless of these time frames. The final adoption of the new structure will be completed after the elections to satisfy the requirements of s333 of the Local Government Act.

Our past reviews and subsequent changes to the organisational Structure has yielded many positive changes to how Council operates. The organization must evolve with how we best utilise the investment in our human resource and meet future challenges for the Council. We are in the process of completing a Workforce Planning Strategy which will be important in this review and help inform our direction moving forward.

In the past, the Senior Management Team, HR and I have undertaken the reviews in house. However, on this occasion I will be seeking independent specialist support for some elements of this review. It is proposed that a report be submitted to the Council in March outlining the observations, issues, opportunities and gaps with an eye to our budget preparation for the next Council term. A further report will be submitted thereafter for adoption.

Principal Activity

Respected Leadership

Policy Implications

Upwards of \$30,000 in Consultants fees currently unbudgeted.

Budget Implications

To be determined

Delivery Program Actions

4.1.2.5 Meet all statutory requirements in a timely manner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide in principle support to undertake a review of the organisational structure to meet its regulatory obligations, the strategies and objectives.

David Neeves
General Manager

REVIEW OF POLICIES

SUMMARY

To advise of a review of Council's policies.

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There are proposed changes to the following policies:

Policy/Policies	Amendment	Reason
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated publication date, updated legislation dates and section and department name• Minor wording changes – no change to policy intent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To reflect updated publication date, updated legislation and new name for government department• To improve grammar
Contaminated Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully revised and more comprehensive policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The changes reflect the responsibilities of Council in regard to management of contaminated land in our local government area and the responsibilities of all parties in identifying, planning appropriate land use, managing potential for contamination, and remediating contaminated land.• From a legal perspective, Council is taken to have acted in good faith where it acts substantially in accordance with this policy.

A full listing of all Council's current policies is available on our website:
www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/council/your-council/council-policies

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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Strategic Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Amendments, as outlined above, to Council's policy register
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.1.2.3 Develop, implement and continually monitor a good governance plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the various changes to Council's policy register, as outlined, be adopted.

David Neeves
General Manager

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS

SUMMARY

To table disclosure of interest returns from Councillors and designated staff for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

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Section 449 of the Local Government Act requires Councillors and designated persons holding that position at 30 June in any year to complete and lodge a pecuniary interest return by 30 September in that year and for new Councillors/ Staff to lodge a return within three months of holding office.

The General Manager is required (under Section 450 A(2)) to table the register containing these returns by 30 September each year.

The register containing these returns will be tabled at the meeting for Council's information.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Strategic Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Implications</u>	4.1.2.3 Develop, implement and continually monitor a good governance plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the tabling of disclosure of interest returns for Councillors and designated persons for the period ending 30 June 2021.

David Neeves
General Manager

VARIATION OF GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL OPENING HOURS

SUMMARY

To consider a proposed alteration in Gilgandra Swimming Pool opening hours in response to pool usage in previous seasons.

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The previous pool season was heavily impacted by COVID 19 restrictions imposed during that season. Despite this there was an overall increase in user numbers. Peak demand periods were:

- Early morning swimmers 6am – 8am
- General users from noon to 6pm daily.

In October and November of the season, usage of the pool from 10am to noon was almost nil. This lack of patronage is attributed to the water still being too cold. Generally patrons have been opting to attend the pool later in the day, with the preference of swimming after 6pm.

Based on previous season usage levels it is proposed that the opening hours for the first two months of this season are altered to:

- Daily early morning swimmers 6am – 8am
- Daily general users from noon to 6pm (with the option to remain open through to 7:30pm based on demand)
- Continuation of group bookings such as school activities and learn to swim as per Council's facility user agreements.

This change would mean that the pool would not open to the general public between 10am and noon weekdays during the months of October and November. This is inclusive of weekdays and weekends. This would enable pool staff to undertake ongoing maintenance and repairs that are required at the pool throughout the season between 9am and noon as required. It also removes the need for life guard staff during this low or no demand period.

From the start of December, it is proposed that the Pool opening hours revert back to normal hours/

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Sense of Place
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Reduction in casual wages costs
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.3.4.3 Review resources at GYS to be able to offer a quality integrated experience including fitness opportunities

RECOMMENDATION

1. That for the month of October and November the Gilgandra Pool opening hours be modified to 6am-8am and Noon to 6pm Monday to Sunday and such hours to be effectively communicated.
2. That the continuation of group bookings such as school activities and learn to swim will remain with bookings by appointment and as per Council's facility user agreements.
3. That, from 1 December the pool opening hours revert back to standard summertime pool operating hours

Jo Manion
Director Community Services

LOCAL HERITAGE FUND 2021/2022 PROJECTS

SUMMARY

To present assessment and recommendations for the 2021/22 Heritage Projects.

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Eight applications were received for the 2021/22 Local Heritage Fund with Heritage Advisor, Peter Duggan recommending all projects receive funding.

The projects are detailed on the following page.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Landuse Planning and Sustainable Environment
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Expenditure within established budget
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.1.2.2 Develop heritage initiatives that provide support and financial assistance to property.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of Council's Heritage Advisor, as outlined in the report, be endorsed.

Lindsay Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

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PROPERTY	PROJECT	TOTAL COST	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED	FUNDING CONDITIONS
"Chinnock" 12 Morris Street Gilgandra	Repaint verandah floorboards	\$1760	\$880	\$880	Nil
The Shed, 22 Miller Street Gilgandra	Rapaint façade of building	\$3960	\$1980	\$1980	Colours to be approved by the Heritage Advisor
"Old Butchery" 25 Murray Street Tooraweenah	Replace roof (owner to provide labour anticipated to cost \$2,500)	\$4948.47	\$2000	\$2000	New roof sheeting to be corrugated galvanised steel (not Zinalume or Colorbond); Roof flashing details to be approved by Heritage Advisor
1-3 Miller Street Gilgandra	Roof repairs and pest exclusion	\$11033	\$5000	\$3000	Proposed roof cleaning product and method of cleaning to be discussed with Heritage Advisor for approval
Old Convent, 11 Morris Street Gilgandra	Repairs to verandah	\$3818.10	\$1909.05	\$1909.05	Nil
Gilgandra CWA Hall 3 Warren Road Gilgandra	Install awning over western double doors	\$1950	\$975	\$975	Awning style to be approved by Heritage Advisor
Dooroombah Homestead Tonderburine	Replace verandah floorboards	\$12255	\$2000	\$3000	Profiles of replaced timber members and flooring to match existing.
Bendigo Bank 57 Miller Street Gilgandra	Repaint facade	\$3300	\$1650	\$1650	Colours to be approved by Heritage Advisor

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$43,024.57

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$15,394.05

LONG TERM PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - GILGANDRA WASTE FACILITY

SUMMARY

To present the Long Term Plan of Management (LTPoM) for the delivery of waste collection/processing services and for the future operation of Council's waste facility.

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At the July 2021 Council meeting, Council resolved to place the draft Long Term Plan of Management on public exhibition for 28 days.

RESOLVED 117/21	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
1. That the information contained within the LTPoM report be noted.	
2. That the LTPoM, as presented, be placed on public exhibition seeking feedback from the community for a minimum period of 28 days.	
3. That a further report be presented to Council outlining community feedback provided during the public exhibition period together with a recommendation for Council's consideration.	

During the exhibition period no submissions were received.

It is important to note the LTPoM will provide direction and guidance well into the future, however the document is to be reviewed annually to ensure continued relevance and to reflect changes in technologies, to respond to new or amended legislation and to account for any community changed needs or expectations.

Separately enclosed are:

1. LTPoM
2. EPA correspondence confirming the processes to be adopted in rehabilitating and closing the Arthursleigh Road tyre repository.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Asset Management and Service Delivery
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Within allocated budgets
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.2.1.2 Assess the potential environmental risks and optimise positive environmental outcomes as part of developing a landfill master plan.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Long Term Plan of Management (LTPoM), as presented, be adopted.

Lindsay Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

WASTE & RECYCLING

SUMMARY

To provide a summary of waste and recovery operations for the past five years.

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Gilgandra Shire Council provides a kerbside collection service for waste and recycling for the township of Gilgandra, including the Villages of Armatree and Tooraweenah. Recycling trailers are located at Armatree and Tooraweenah for rural residents. The aim of this report is to give an overview of operations for the past 5 years.

WASTE to Landfill

YEAR	AMOUNT
2016/2017	783T
2017/2018	851T
2018/2019	964T
2019/2020	826T
2020/2021	1002T
TOTAL	4,426T

RECYCLING

YEAR	AMOUNT
2016/2017	345T
2017/2018	330T
2018/2019	342T
2019/2020	118T
2020/2021	116T
TOTAL	1,115T

Please note that the above figures are estimates only. The Waste Facility does not currently operate a weighbridge. Annual landfill surveys are conducted to record waste volumes to landfill, which are converted to tonnes. Some weights are recorded from the contractor trucks and some are estimates by staff as loads enter the site.

Carlinda Enterprises operates the Material Recovery Facility sorting recycling manually, including the LGA of Bogan. JR Richards is Council's current waste collection contractor, collecting waste and recycling in Gilgandra, Tooraweenah and Armatree. The reduction of recycling materials in the table above can be attributed to a number of factors – COVID lockdowns in 2020 and 2021, change of staffing in the Manger role (calculation of weights differently), introduction of a set of industrial scales to weigh more accurately, and introduction of state government Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in 2019.

Carlinda Enterprises also sort the yellow bag recycling deposited by rural residents. These can be dropped off to a trailer in Tooraweenah and Armatree or deposited into a trailer at the Waste Facility 24hrs 7 days a week. The yellow bags provide an opportunity for Carlinda to collect and recycle whole bottles and containers through the CDS scheme. These are currently being taken to the CDS depot on Mahers Hill Road. Carlinda staff collect 10c per container.

Armatree and Tooraweenah have both now received a recycling trailer which are transferred to the Material Recovery Facility on an alternate fortnightly basis. Tooraweenah & Armatree secured funding for a recycling trailer through the NetWaste Village grant program.

Gilgandra Shire Council is part of the NetWaste region which includes 27 other Regional Councils. This network provides project assistance with a number of activities including contractor management for collection of recyclable materials including scrap steel, tyres, mattresses, Community Recycling Centre (CRC) materials, and greenwaste mulching for use on site. NetWaste also provide an education program and in 2021 (prior to lockdown) was working with primary aged children to learn about waste reduction.

The life expectancy of the current landfill cell is on track to last another two/three more years depending on waste volumes. The excavation of the next cell is due to commence shortly. The LTPoM identified that Council currently have enough land to meet the needs of our community well into the future (approximately 80 years).

Our waste management is often directed by state government initiatives. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Primary Industries (DPIE) have been working on a 20 year Waste Strategy which included intensive community consultation which Council participated through NetWaste.

The Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 has now been released and available to view on the DPIE website (see <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-energy-and-science/waste-and-sustainable-materials-strategy>). This outlines the NSW government action plan to move our state to a circular economy over the next 20 years. Council has been exploring opportunities to take advantage of emerging waste reuse and waste product development providing employment and potential upcycling of some of our problem waste streams (e.g. glass and textiles being made into a ceramic tile product).

Overall Council provides an effective waste and recycling service to the community and continually explores avoidance and reuse strategies to further develop efficiencies in Council's operations.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Land Use Planning and Sustainable Environment
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.2.2.2 Provide a high standard of service for the collection and disposal of commercial, domestic and industrial wastes to ratepayers 3.2.2.4 Reduce amount of waste delivered to landfill by providing better recycling and waste avoidance options at all waste facilities 3.2.2.7 Be a community leader in waste minimisation and use of recycled products

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Lindsay Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

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- Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation No. 93) and Investment Balances
- Matters Outstanding from Previous Council Meetings
- Development Applications

Any questions which Councillors may have in relation to these reports and/or issues to be raised, should be brought forward at this time.

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

SUMMARY

To present the following information relative to the above report headings:

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1. Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19) - Month of August 2021.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation - Month of August 2021.
3. Details of investments as at 31 August 2021 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19).

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-Jul-21	\$5,866,738.31
Plus: Receipts		\$5,356,197.17
Less: Payments		<u>\$4,122,718.95</u>
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-Aug-21	<u><u>\$7,100,216.53</u></u>

STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Jul-21	\$5,849,747.26
Plus: Receipts		\$5,269,985.36
Less: Payments		<u>\$4,019,598.60</u>
STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Aug-21	<u><u>\$7,100,134.02</u></u>

Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$66,148.40
Less: Unpresented Payments		<u>\$66,065.89</u>
RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT	31-Aug-21	<u><u>\$7,100,216.53</u></u>

Cashbook balance as at 31 August 2021:	\$7,100,216.53
Investments held as at 31 August 2021:	<u>\$23,053,795.02</u>
Total Cash & Investments Held as at 31 August 2021:	<u><u>\$30,154,011.55</u></u>

The bank balances in each of the funds as at 31 August 2021 are:

General Fund	\$14,818,880.64
Water Fund	\$2,927,506.43
Sewer Fund	\$2,150,450.79
Orana Living	\$3,723,358.27
Carlinda Enterprises	\$609,828.24
Cohee Villa Units	\$1,895,576.16
Cohee Lodge	\$2,916,199.36
Jack Towney Hostel	\$625,524.10
Trust Fund	\$486,687.56

Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$30,154,011.55

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(a)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.75%	Due on 10-Mar-22	With AMP Bank
(b)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.75%	Due on 27-Jan-22	With AMP Bank
(c)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.80%	Due on 04-Nov-21	With Bendigo
(e)	\$1,500,000.00	For 212 days @ 0.35%	Due on 04-Mar-22	With Bendigo
(f)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.65%	Due on 06-Oct-21	With Bendigo
(g)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days @ 0.40%	Due on 12-Jan-22	With Macquarie
(h)	\$2,000,000.00	For 181 days @ 0.20%	Due on 13-Dec-21	With Macquarie
(i)	\$1,000,000.00	For 364 days @ 0.40%	Due on 26-Aug-22	With Macquarie
(i)	\$1,000,000.00	For 363 days @ 0.45%	Due on 14-Apr-22	With ME Bank
(j)	\$1,000,000.00	For 183 days @ 0.55%	Due on 01-Oct-21	With MCU
(l)	\$2,500,000.00	For 180 days @ 0.30%	Due on 13-Dec-21	With Suncorp
(m)	\$500,000.00	For 300 days @ 0.35%	Due on 17-Feb-22	With NAB
(n)	\$2,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.35%	Due on 28-Jun-22	With NAB
(o)	\$2,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.35%	Due on 22-Feb-22	With NAB
(p)	\$1,000,000.00	For 273 days @ 0.33%	Due on 19-Apr-22	With NAB
(q)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.65%	Due on 06-Oct-21	With NAB
(r)	\$3,000,000.00	For 367 days @ 0.73%	Due on 13-Sep-21	With NAB
(s)	\$1,053,795.02	0.05%	At Call	With TCorp
Total Investments:				\$23,053,795.02

OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To provide an update in relation to matters previously resolved at Council Meetings requiring further action to be taken.

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<u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>September 2017</u>		
264/17	Mudfords Road	Hon Sam Faraway has referred matter to Minister for Energy and Environment
<u>September 2020</u>		
165/20	Gravel Pit Agreements	To be progressed as time permits
175/20	Graincorp Industrial Precinct	Looking to engage new consultant and working through the acquisition process
<u>November 2020</u>		
215/20	Proposed land purchase	Awaiting advice from owners
225/20	Flying Fox Camp	Address from consultant at the July meeting deferred.
<u>April 2021</u>		
52/21	Offer to purchase land	Formal response issued. Investigations to be undertaken.
<u>July 2021</u>		
117/21	Long Term Plan of Management	Report to this meeting
123/21	Gilgandra Cultural Precinct EOI	Lease to be finalised
124/21	Industrial Land – Purchase Offer	Progressing – report to future Meeting
125/21	Opportunity to Purchase Land	No action at this stage

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131/21	Community Strategic plan	Program for community consultation being arranged
132/21	Motions – LGNSW Conference	Report to October meeting
133/21	Reserves	Report to October meeting as part of QBR

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following development application were approved during August 2021:

DA Number	Received	Applicants Name	Application Description of Work	Property Address	Decision	Development Value
2021/408	04/07/2021	Mr Hardik Desai	Satellite Station	76 Wamboin street	Approved	\$30,000
2021/411	23/07/2021	Mr Bradley Lesslie	Shed	31 Bobs Street	Approved	\$19,910
2021/412	26/07/2021	Mr Rod Wooding	Dwelling	6 Stockings Crescent	Approved	\$138,050
2021/414	11/08/2021	Mr Andrew Newton	Verandah	1509 Oxley Hwy	Approved	\$15,000
2021/415	18/08/2021	Mr Vince Hardy	Additions to Services Club	33 Morris Street	Approved	\$735,000
2021/416	18/08/2021	Mr Paul Margery	Shed	6219B Newell Hwy	Approved	\$15,000
2021/417	23/08/2021	Mr Damien Jordan	Shed	4 Elisabeth street	Approved	\$17,000
					August	\$969,960
					Total 2021/22	\$1,143,960

Applications under assessment

- DA2021/379 – Berakee quarry extension
 - DA2021/419 – Alterations to existing service station
 - DA2021/420 - Shed
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AUGUST 2021

DA Number	Actual Days	Stopped Days	Total Days	Working Days	Stopped Work Days	Total Work Days
2021/408	33	0	33	24	0	24
2021/404	50	0	50	36	0	36
2021/403	50	0	50	36	0	36
2021/413	7	0	7	5	0	5
2021/411	21	0	21	15	0	15
2021/412	23	0	23	17	0	17
2021/414	10	0	10	8	0	8
2021/416	9	0	9	7	0	7
2021/417	4	0	4	4	0	4

Summary Statistics	
No of Applications	9
Total Actual Days	207.00
Mean Actual Days	23.00
Mean Stopped Days	0.00
Mean Total Days	23.00
Mean Work Days	16.89
Mean Work Stop Days	0.00
Mean Total Work Days	16.89
Median Actual Days	21.00

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – TOORAWEEENAH
ENDURANCE CLUB**

SUMMARY

To advise of a request for financial support from the Tooraweenah Endurance Club.

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Event organisers, Sonia Bonham and Leonie Blessing have written to Council as follows:

“I am writing to invite Gilgandra Shire Council to be involved in an exciting community event hosted by a small local country town. The Tooraweenah Endurance Club is busy planning our exciting event, The Tom Quilty Gold Cup Championship. This event will be held on the 8th and 9th of July 2022, at the Tooraweenah Show Grounds in Tooraweenah, NSW. It promises to be a first-class event and an excellent opportunity for local businesses in the central west to associate themselves with a worthwhile, internationally known event.

The Tooraweenah Endurance Club is a volunteer group which is non for profit. This small but community orientated team are passionate about our sport and aim to not only provide a quality safe event but to also support and promote businesses and venues, not only in Tooraweenah, but in our local central western area.

The Tom Quilty Gold Cup Championship is the premier ride on the endurance calendar in Australia. Horses and riders come from across Australia and the globe to participate in this prestigious event, not only to ride but as volunteers, officials and spectators. The prestige associated with winning this event, as well as competing is immense. It is the goal of all Australian endurance riders to attempt and be successful at this ride. The event encompasses the Australian spirit of ‘to complete is to win’, a test of horsemanship with one horse, one rider competing to successfully complete one hundred miles in one day (160km in 24hrs). It is the championship event for all Australian endurance riders.

The original Tom Quilty Gold Cup is held in the ‘Stockman’s Hall of Fame’ in Longreach QLD, as the inception of the Quilty Cup Ride was nurtured by Queenslanders Erica and RM Williams, who loved their distance riding and Arabian horses. The Quilty was named after RM’s old mate Tom Quilty of Spring Vale Station in the Kimberley Ranges of WA, who on request donated the valuable gold cup trophy.

I would like to invite you to be one of our sponsors for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Championship in 2022. In this regard our club has several sponsorship packages available to cater for both large and small contributions. This sponsorship will help to promote your company, products and services, and also demonstrate your community involvement and support. Packages can be mixed and matched to best support your companies or business needs. Your support will definitely make our event become successful, and I am looking forward to discussing with you how we can help to promote your organisation at our event. Thank you very much.”

Details of sponsorship packages are provided as an attachment.

It should be noted that Council has no budget for sponsorships or donations outside of that allocated by previous policy decisions.

In saying this, Gilgandra hosts very few Regional or State Events. It no longer has a marquee event to attract tourism. Sports tourism is a type of tourism activity which refers to the travel experience of the tourist who either observes as a spectator or actively participates in a sporting event generally involving commercial and non-commercial activities of a competitive nature. Sport Tourism is becoming increasingly popular and valued by communities.

The Tooraweenah community have a rich history with the endurance ride and it would be appropriate that Council sponsor this event and support this sport's tourism opportunity.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Sense of Place
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	\$1000 sponsorship to be sourced from existing 20/21 Marketing and Tourism allocations
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.2.1.2 Support community organised events, festivals and celebrations

RECOMMENDATION

That Council sponsor the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Championship to be held at Tooraweenah on 8/9 July 2022 to the value of \$1000.

David Neeves
General Manager

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – ST AMBROSE
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

SUMMARY

To consider a request for assistance from the St Ambrose Anglican Church.

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Council has received the following email request from Stuart and Karen Border on behalf of the St Ambrose Anglican Church, Gilgandra:

Following a phone conversation with Neil Alchin, I am writing this email to request GSC co-operation and assistance with the task of sourcing funds and managing this enormous project of restoring the Anglican Church building.

We are in the process of forming a working committee to oversee this project and are honestly lacking people with the skillset to be able to take it forward.

I am aware of people such as Randall Medd and Kathryn Larkin that are very experienced and successful in sourcing and applying for funding.

As a building which has local, State and National significance, we believe that it would qualify for many various funding bodies/sources. The building itself is in a deteriorating state of repair and the works required have become quite urgent.

We have a current complete Structural Engineers report on the building including suggested program of restorative works. We even have a quote from a heritage stonemason/bricklayer to undertake stage one of the project!

If you can possibly allow the allocation of time from council staff that could assist us with sourcing funding and steering us in the right direction, it would be greatly appreciated. I will look forward to an opportunity to discuss this whole project with you. Many thanks.





The Church is listed on the State Heritage Register, is a very prominent attractive landmark building and has played a significant role in supporting and building the community in helping shape Gilgandra.

“The Church of St Ambrose was constructed by the Anglican community of Gilgandra using funds raised locally and a substantial gift from the City of Bournemouth in England. Bournemouth’s gift had been given after the Great War as a peace offering to the town in the Empire outside England which had a good Church and Warservice record. The gift to Gilgandra is a reflection of the notoriety obtained by the town after the establishment of recruitment marches there in 1915. The building is also an important element of the growth of Gilgandra in the early 20th century. Designed by architect Louis Williams of the Melbourne firm North and Williams the church is a fine example of Federation Gothic style of architecture and has landmark characteristics. The church is a rare example of a landmark Anglican Church in regional New South Wales erected as a war memorial with a substantial gift from an English city. The building has state historical significance and rarity. It also has local historical association, aesthetic and social significance, and representativeness. It has a high degree of integrity.” (Source: *Community Based Heritage Study of the Gilgandra Shire*)

Over the years the Church has been subject to large amount of building movement which has damaged the masonry structure in multiple places within the Church. A recently formed Church committee has undertaken and received a comprehensive report from a registered structural engineer with 14 recommendations to help rectify the current situation. They have also received quotations from heritage stonemason/bricklayer.

Council's involvement is likely to involve support for grant applications, assisting with preparations for scope of works and advocating for funding. This can be achieved with our current staffing resources. At this stage Council has not received any request for direct funding support. The Planning and Environment Department of Council oversees heritage related matters and will be able to assist in this regards.

Staff will commence meetings with the St Ambrose Church Committee to ascertain the extent of the project and prepare for future grant applications.

The works are likely to be in excess of \$250,000

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Land Use Planning and Sustainable Environment
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.1.2.2 Develop heritage initiatives that provide support and financial assistance to property.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse allocation of Council staff resources as "in kind" support to assist with restoration works at the St Ambrose Anglican Church.

David Neeves
General Manager

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

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Documents mentioned are available upon request for any interested Councillors.

1. **CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Draft minutes of meeting held on 16 August 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager